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May 25, 2011

Ms. Alison Young  
USA Today  
7950 Jones Branch Dr  
McLean, VA 22108  
[AYoung@USAToday.com](mailto:AYoung@USAToday.com)

Dear Ms. Young:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Central File Room (CFR) received your public record request via the electronic mail on May 4, 2011, for information on the following:

- Inland Metals Refining, East Chicago, IN  
1) The Pre-CERCLIS screening report (and any attachments)

A search of the files within the agency has been conducted. Attached please find the document responsive to your request.

The IDEM CFR is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, except for Indiana State holidays. IDEM has computers available in the CFR for public use. Visitors to the CFR also may request that documents be printed or saved to disc by a CFR staff member. Fees may apply for CFR to print documents or save documents to disc. No charge is assessed for the first 100 pages; thereafter \$/10 per page will be assessed. Documents scanned to disc are assessed at \$5.00 per disc.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact our office at (317) 232-8667 or [IDEMFileroom@idem.in.gov](mailto:IDEMFileroom@idem.in.gov).

Sincerely,

Melissa A. Farrington  
Central File Room Director  
Office of Compliance Support



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May 31, 2002

Jan Pels, HSE-5J  
U.S. EPA, Region V  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Ms. Pels:

Re: Inland Metals Refining  
East Chicago, Indiana

## MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) was requested by U.S. EPA to screen residential neighborhoods located near former lead smelting factory sites for lead contamination in the soil. The U.S. EPA provided IDEM with a list of 14 sites in Indiana where lead smelting is believed to have occurred, but have not been previously investigated. Inland Metals Refining was listed as a facility where babbitt metals and solder smelting took place.

Inland Metals Refining was listed at 3601 Canal Street, Hammond, Indiana. The site is currently vacant and secured by a fence (see photos). A sign on the fence reads "American Steel Foundry". The site is in a heavy industrial area surrounded by petroleum facilities and scrap yards. No residential neighborhoods are located in the immediate area. The nearest neighborhood is located southeast of the site and soil was sampled in that neighborhood as a result of the screening of another lead smelter.

IDEM has determined that Inland Metals Refining, 3601 Canal Street, East Chicago, Indiana is not located in an area where it was a potential source of airborne lead contamination in residential neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Billy E. Giles, Geologist  
Site Investigation Section  
Office of Land Quality

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Inland Metals Refining  
Facility  
Bill Giles 12-3-01 10:30  
Photographer Date Time  
Others Present: Andrea Robertson

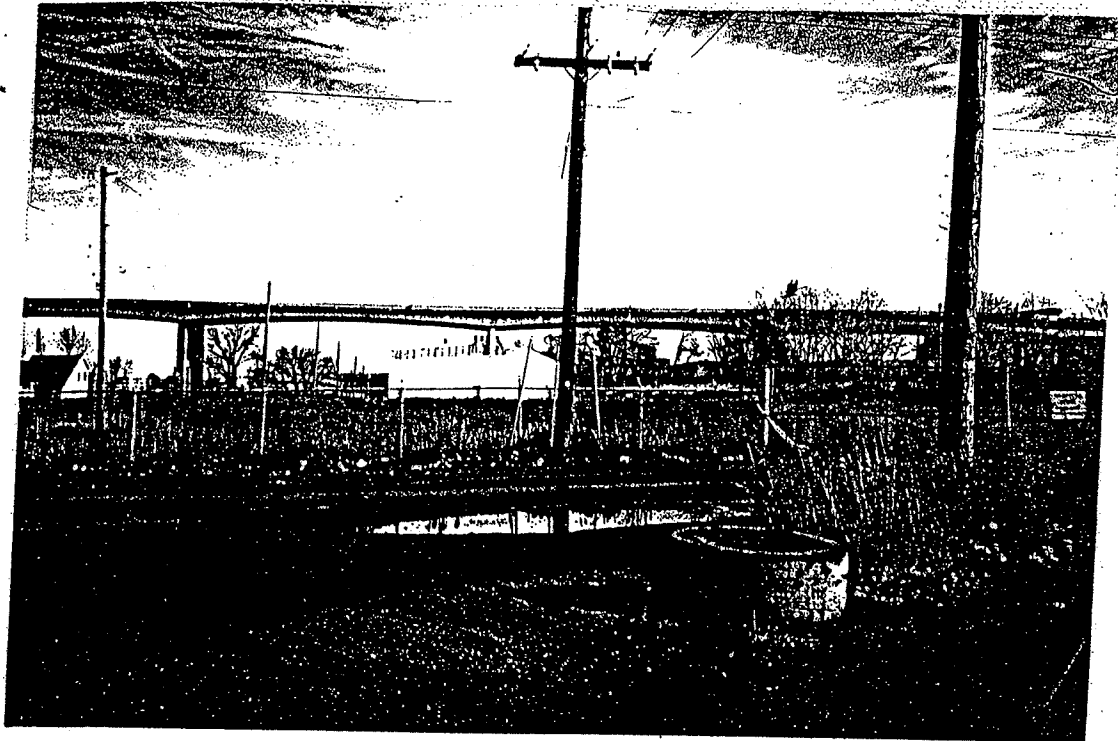
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3601 Canal Street  
East Chicago  
Subject (movement): \_\_\_\_\_



Inland Metals Refining  
Facility  
Bill Giles  
Photographer  
12-3-01 10:30  
Date Time  
Others Present: Andrew Robertson  
Location: Looking NE @ site  
3601 Canal Street  
East Chicago  
Subject (movement): \_\_\_\_\_

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Talard Metals Refining  
Facility  
Bill Giles 12-3-01 10:30 am  
Photographer Date Time  
Others Present: Michael Robertson

Location: Looking at site (fenced)  
from across the street  
3601 Canal Street East Chicago

Subject (movement)